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SUBJ: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE VISIT TO FINLAND

REF: HELSINKI 2271

1. MICHIGAN FORESTRY GROUP WILL ARRIVE IN HELSINKI, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, FLIGHT BE 772 FROM LONDON. PARTY INCLUDE FOLLOWING PERSONS: MR. & MRS. RUSSELL HELLMAN, MR. & MRS. WILLIAM NICHOLLS, MR. & MRS. AL JACOBSON, MR. & MRS. WILLIAM RUONA, DR. ROBERT BROWN, MR. MATT LATILA, MR & MRS. RAY PFEIFEL, AND MR. JOHN CALKINS.

2. GROUP HAS RESERVATIONS AT MARSKI HOTEL NIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17. DR. ROBERT BROWN, MEMBER OF GROUP KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT FINNISH FOREST INDUSTRY, ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP FINNISH PROGRAM THROUGH DIRECT CONTACTS WITH DR. PEITSA MIKKOLA, UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI AND PROF. YUJO VEROKILA OF FINNISH FORESTRY ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES BROWN APPARENTLY UNABLE DEVELOP ADEQUATE PROGRAM AND COMPLETE NECESSARY

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ARRANGEMENTS.

3. MICHIGAN GROUP REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATING THE FINNISH PROGRAM ALONG LINES PROVIDED EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR UNIVERSITY OF MAINE PROFESSORS DR. HAROLD YOUNG AND DR. RALPH GRIFFIN. THIS PROGRAM INVOLVED ONE WEEK TRIP THROUGH FINLAND'S FORESTS, WOOD PROCESSING PLANTS, AND RESEARCH PROJECTS. COORDINATOR OF THIS PROJECT WAS DR. PENTTI HAKKILA OF THE FINNISH FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

4. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DR. MIKKOLA AND PROF. VEROKILA HAVE NOT MADE ANY DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MICHIGAN GROUP, BUT SUGGEST YOU CHECK THIS POINT ANYWAY. PERHAPS DR. HAKKILA COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE. WEEKS PROGRAM SHOULD BE SEPTEMBER 18-24. GROUP WILL CONTACT EMBASSY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, TO DETERMINE ARRANGEMENTS YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE.

5. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO MICHIGAN FORESTRY GROUP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. RUSH

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